

RAVALLI COUNTY ANIMAL PROTECTION AND CONTROL BOARD  
11/26/07

Present: Peg Platt, Sue Major, Linda Turner, Ethyl Keel, Brenda Fisher, Nathan Beckwith,

Vicki Dawson, Barb Ormiston, Susan O'Brien, Don Coon, Monica Grainger-Blue

Excused: Scott Leete                      Absent: Judy Vernier

Meeting called to order, minutes from October meeting read and approved.

Treasurer's report: \$13,426.33

Old Business:

1. Mac spoke with Commissioner Driscoll about our agreement of understanding for RC&D to be our 501-C3 umbrella. We need to have this approved by commissioners so PEG can sign it and get it to RC&D. Also letter of permission from commissioners has not yet been received by RC&D. This has to have Comm. Chilcott's signature rather than Comm. Driscoll's.

Sandy from RC&D helped Linda with suggestions and corrections for our letter for grant solicitation. Suggestions included using RC&D letterhead for grant letter, losing any mention of "county" and "animal shelter" as this could be confusing to grantors, wondering just who they are truly funding. Board members are asked to bring ideas for new names to Jan. meeting. This way we can circumvent the "county" issues with grantors, since we will be a separate group contracted by the county. We will need to get permission from RC&D to use letterhead. Also, all grant requests must go through RC&D before being sent out.

Nathan will wait for RC&D approval on letterhead, then will send out some corporate letters through RC&D. Idea was presented to write a letter to Bill Gates & Oprah, explaining need for seed money for 2 years, and if money unavailable, could legal minds help out with advice.

2. Mac has revised the job descriptions into standard county format. She has just a few items that Nathan and Judy will help figure out, then descriptions will be done.

3. Brenda passed around 4 prototypes for new letterhead. She will work on a few more until the Jan. meeting.

4. Peg thanked Vicki for getting licensing program for county. Peg said she has been having a great time doing all the licensing input on computer. County staff have been great to work with., Peg also said that now she will be able to go in 2 times a month rather than 2 times a week, since data input is now pretty much caught up. Joanne at treasurers office requested a \$5.00 replacement tag fee. After discussion, Linda motioned to charge \$3.00 for replacement tag, Don seconded. Ethyl made motion that licensing fees be non-refundable, Linda seconded. Full approval on both items.

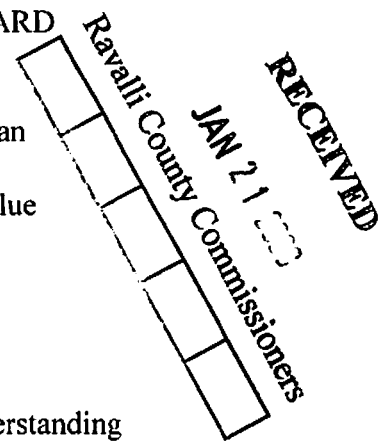
New Business:

1. Susan made motion to keep our same roster of board officers. Brenda seconded and not one of us disagreed. Roster is as follows:

President: Peg Platt

Co-V. Pres: Linda Turner, Judy Vernier

Treasurer: Barb Ormiston



Secretary: Nathan Beckwith

Scribe: Ethyl Keel

2. Open discussion on lack of support on animal issues from county attorneys office and RCSO. Opinions abounded from most all present, but it remains that animal issues do occupy a back seat with RCSO, due to the fact that "the human factor" must be their top priority. The county attorneys office could certainly be a force if they so chose in that they could be groundbreakers in animal cruelty cases and show that they are willing to prosecute and prove that cruelty issues are not laughing matters.

Motion made to adjourn meeting and the snowy evening greeted us as we parted company until the new year.

Next meeting will be 1-28-08.